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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Mr. Attorney General Ashcroft:

As a concerned citizen, I write you in reference to the recent settlement between Microsoft and the Department of Justice. It baffles me when I hear that the process is being even further scrutinized. After three years of well thought out negotiations, it is ridiculous to continue to pick apart the terms of this agreement. Microsoft, the Department of Justice, the nine states and a mediator have carefully arrived at these terms, which are more than fair to Microsoft's competitors.

Microsoft has agreed to reconfigure licensing and marketing agreements and has agreed to do so under the supervision of a technical committee that has been set up for just that. Microsoft has also agreed to design future versions of Windows that will promote easier installation of non-Microsoft software. It is evident that the terms of the agreement do a great deal to promote the use of non-Microsoft software. Obviously, Microsoft is acting in the interest of our IT sector as a whole. Therefore, so should the government.

I urge you to help get our technology industry back to business by stopping any further litigation against this settlement. I thank you for your time and, in advance, for your support.

Sincerely,

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cc: Senator Rick Santorum